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**Focus Questions on Proposed ICU Nurse Staffing Regulation**

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Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 2 and M.G.L. c. 111, § 231, the Health Policy Commission (the "Commission") will hold two public hearings regarding **958 CMR 8.00 – Registered Nurse-to-Patient Ratio in Intensive Care Units in Acute Hospitals** on March 25, 2015 and April 2, 2015. The Commission will accept comments on the proposed regulation until April 6, 2015 at 12 noon. Please see the [Notice of Public Hearing](#) for additional details.

In advance of the public hearings, the Commission is releasing the following questions to assist interested parties in focusing their testimony on the proposed regulation. Capitalized terms are defined in the proposed regulation (958 CMR 8.02).

**What additional information should the Commission consider regarding:**

1. The assessment of patient stability used in determining the Patient Assignment?
2. The development or selection and implementation of the Acuity Tool for each ICU and the process for such development or selection and implementation?
3. Required elements of the Acuity Tool?
4. Records of compliance, both for the development or selection of Acuity Tool(s) and staffing compliance?
5. Public reporting on nurse staffing compliance?
6. The collection and reporting of quality measures? (For information on the proposed quality measures to be measured and reported by hospitals to the public, please see [here](#).)
7. The implementation timeline for submission of the Acuity Tool(s) to the Department of Public Health for certification?